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SUBJ: INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER TALKS

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1. ACCORDING TO A LOCAL WIRE SERVICE REPORT MARCH 11, THE JOINT INQUIRY BY THE INDIAN BORDER FORCE (BSF) AND THE BANGLADESH RIFLES (BDR) INTO THE INCIDENTS IN THE MYMENSINGH BORDER AREAS WILL START SOON AND PROBABLY WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE FOURTH WEEK OF MARCH. REPORTEDLY, THE MODALITIES OF THE INQUIRY WERE DECIDED UPON BY THE DIG OF THE BSF AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE BDR MARCH 6 IN A MEETING "AT THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER."

2. THE BRIEF NEWS ACCOUNT DID NOT MENTION THAT THE MARCH 6 MEETING WAS HELD IN SYLHET (REFTEL), PRINCIPALLY WE THINK TO HIGHLIGHT THAT BDG'S CONCERN IS TO FOCUS THE INQUIRY ON THE MYMENSINGH INCIDENTS. A MISSION OFFICER WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A TRIP TO SYLHET TOWN SAID THAT THE
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BDR WAS MUCH IN EVIDENCE, WITH SIZEABLE NUMBERS OF JAWANS

CLAD IN FRESH UNIFORMS DRILLING ALL DAY IN THE TOWN
ITSELF. THIS DISPLAY MAY HAVE BEEN MEANT TO IMPRESS THE
INDIANS BUT IT ALSO WOULD HAVE SERVED TO DISCOURAGE ANY
ANTI-INDIAN DEMONSTRATIONS.
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